

following CHRIST

a seven-week experience

OUR PRAYERS MATTER!

As a living part of the Body of Christ, our prayers matter — yours and mine! Jesus promised Peter, “Upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail.” — MT 16:18. You and I are part of that promise when we draw ourselves into Him, when we make ourselves ACCESSIBLE to our Lord. We are His Church!

Prayer is an essential part of our Christian living. When we pray, we are in communion with Our Lord. Prayer transforms us, blesses our Parish, and changes the world! In our Discovering Christ Sessions we learned that Prayer and Scripture are key elements to growing in the life of the Holy Spirit. Our prayer time is time devoted to the most important relationship in our lives — relationship with Jesus Christ. Fr. Henry Shelton gave us more tools and insight to develop that relationship when he led our parish mission last year.

Pages 16-19 of the Mission booklet *How Accessible am I to God?* included this meditation:

READ 1JOHN 4

*“We have come to know and believe in the love God has for us....
We for our part love because He first loved us.”*

REFLECTION

Jesus has said to you, “I want to love you.”

- *What feelings does this surface in you?*
- *What questions does this raise for you?*
- *What challenges does this present for you?*
- *What rewards would/does this relationship offer you?*
- *What other issues do you see in this relationship?*

Fr. Shelton recommends spending regular quiet time reflecting on these questions and developing our openness to being ACCESSIBLE to God. What does being ACCESSIBLE to God feel like in my own life? Fr. Shelton suggests we spend some time just holding our feelings before our Lord. He says, “Simply let yourself be an observer of what surfaces in you. Try not to control the experience or judge what surfaces in you.”

Let us pray that we each make the following prayer our own:

Prayer of Abandonment by Blessed Father Charles de Foucault
Father, I abandon myself into Your hands; do with me what You will.
Whatever You may do I thank You. I am ready for all, I accept all.
Let only Your will be done in me, and in all Your creatures;
I wish no more than this, O Lord.
Into Your hands I commend my soul.
I offer it to You with all the love of my heart;
for I love You, Lord, and so need to give myself,
to surrender myself into Your hands without reserve,
and with boundless confidence, for You are my Father. Amen.

Mass Intentions

August 22 — August 28, 2016

7:30 am Mon.: communion service

7:30 am Tues.: communion service

6:00 pm Wed.: communion service

7:30 am Thurs.: communion service

7:30 am Fri.: communion service

5:30 pm Sat.: Irma Boudier (RIP)

8:00 am Sunday: Mario Pitruzzello (RIP)

10:30 am Sunday: Harold Stewart (RIP)

Prayer Intentions

Sarah Lester

Earl Eubanks, father of Mark Eubanks

Sandra Vermillion, friend of Janys Canizaro

Repose of the Soul

Mike Moeller, nephew of Teresa Davis

Adoration This Week: Monday-Friday: 8am-Noon;
Wed. 6:30 pm-7:30 pm

* Need to fill Mondays 11am-12 pm. Call the church office if you are able to commit to this Holy Hour.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 4:30-5:00pm or by appt.
Lectio Divina Mondays @ 7pm; and Tuesdays @ 10 am

New Announcements

***Women's Guild Craft Meeting:** Next Saturday, August 27th at 10 am in the Family Life Center. Come and find out how you can be involved in our Craft Fair held the weekend of Nov. 11th.



*We are asking all families to register their children for Religious Education by **September 1st**. See page 3 for a direct link to the registration page.



*On the first Saturday of each month, our **U.S. Armed Forces Ministry** prays the rosary for our Armed Forces and for our country. Join us this month on **Sept. 3rd** at 4:45 pm in the chapel.



* Interested in joining the adult choir? We would love to have you! Contact Ed Thomas at 601-292-6090 or email @ est5271@gmail.com



Weekly offering for August 14th: \$17,182

Thank You!

Reminders

***St. Dominic's Ministry** will be delivering lunch items to the families of patients in ICU on **August 23rd**. Please sign up in the back of church and have your items to the FLC kitchen by 10am.

* **Baptism Prep class- Sunday, Aug. 28th @ 2pm** in the Family Life Center for all those needing to have a child baptized within the next 4 months.

***Registration for the 3rd annual Early Learning Center Golf tournament to be held on Sept. 9th**. This year, there is a raffle sale for a 5 day/4 night stay in Perdido Key, Florida (only \$10 a ticket). You may also access more information on the Learning Center website www.saintpaullearningcenter.com.

***The Youth Group will be having a Tailgate Party on Sunday, September 11th** from 12:00-3:00 in the FLC. All grades 7th-12th are welcome! Come and enjoy the Saints game with your friends!

See the website for more detailed information on these previously published events.

- **St. Paul Learning Center** has job openings in the afternoons, Monday-Friday in our 2,3, and 4 year old classrooms.
- **RCIA registration** is now available online!
- **Sept. 8th and Sept. 13th**—Following Christ Sessions begin. Space is still available. Register online now or call the office if you need assistance.
- September 11th**—PRE and Adult Ed classes will begin.
- September 14th**— Youth Group classes will begin.



*Altar flowers have been donated by Mary Jacq Easley, in memory of parents, Patti & Butch Watson.

Stop by our bulletin board for more information on area events.

Saint Joseph Catholic School in Madison is looking for a full-time School Secretary. Please send your resume and a letter of interest to: Doug Jones, Principal at djones@stjoebruins.com. Deadline for applying is Monday, August 29.

September 9-11th — Lectio Divina Retreat at the Dwelling Place in Brooksville. Presented by Mary Louise Jones & Claudia Addison.

September 25th — 30th annual St. Joseph Catholic Church GermanFest from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m

Regularly Scheduled Events– No registration required unless indicated otherwise– All are welcome!

Sundays:

- 8:00 am: Mass
9:15 am: Religious Education classes (3 years – 6th grade) **Please register online by Sept. 1st** (classes begin on Sept. 11th)
Adult Religious Ed Class in the Family Life Center rm 107
10:30 am: Mass (Children's Liturgy during mass for ages 2-5)
5:00 pm: Youth Band Practice in the gym (7th-12th grade welcome!)

Mondays:

- 7:30 am: Daily Mass (communion service during the month of August)
8am-12pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 pm: Lectio Divina Prayer Group (held in the Family Life Center)

Tuesdays:

- 7:30 am : Daily Mass (communion service during the month of August)
8am-12pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10:00 am: Lectio Divina Prayer Group (held in the Parish Office Conference Room)
6:30 pm: RCIA (held in the Family Life Center- **begins on Sept. 27th (register online by Sept. 1st)**)
7:00 pm: Following Christ Sessions begin on Sept. 13th for 7 weeks (**register online by Sept. 1st**)

Wednesdays:

- 10:00 am: Adult Book Study (held in the Family Life Center)
6:00 pm: Daily Mass (communion service during the month of August)
6:30-7:30pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00 pm: Youth Group– 7th –12th **Register online by Sept. 1st** (begins Sept. 14th with a meal, music, small groups, and religious education)

Thursdays:

- 7:30 am: Daily Mass (communion service during the month of August)
8am-12pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:30 pm: Adult Bible Study (held in the FLC or the Parish Office Conference Room– call the church office)
7:00 pm: Following Christ Sessions begin on Sept. 8th for 7 weeks (**register online by Sept. 1st**)

Fridays:

- 7:30 am: Daily Mass (communion service during the month of August)
10:00 am: Bible Study Group –except First Friday- (held in the Parish Office Conference Room)
8am-12pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturdays:

- 4:30 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm: Vigil Mass



*REGISTRATION IS OPEN ON OUR WEBSITE FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.
WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE REGISTER NOW SO WE CAN PREPARE FOR OUR YEAR.
<http://saintpaulcatholicchurch.com/education/create>

Monthly Scheduled Events

- Sundays:** 5:00 pm: Knights of Columbus: open to all men ages 18 & up, contact Grand Knight Chris Nix (or other Knights) to join. (First Sunday in the Family Life Center)
Mondays: 7:00 pm: Women's Guild: open to all women ages 18 & up. Contact Ann Jackson (no membership dues or requirements (Fourth Monday beginning in September)
Fridays: 10:00 am: Healing Mass and Senior Adult Brunch (First Friday of every month)
Saturdays: 4:45 pm: Pray the rosary with our US Armed Forces Ministry (1st Saturday in the chapel)

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